

## ESTHER ISLAS (1953-2012)



ESTHER CATHERINE ISLAS Esther was born to Pete and Emily Saldana Islas on April 28, 1953, and attended local Barstow elementary schools including Kennedy High School as a proud Spartan. Esther worked as a teacher's helper in the City of San Bernardino elementary schools. She received a certificate from Barstow Community College commending her for her dedicated services in countless activities. Esther loved working for the Lord's Ministry. She enthusiastically volunteered

countless hours in assisting adults and children along with Forerunner Christian Fellowship formerly known as Reaching Out Ministries which she founded. Esther loved decorating for every holiday while celebrating with her family. Esther leaves her family a treasure trove of crafts that she made with her beautiful hands and her heart of gold. Surrounded by her angels and loved ones, Esther succumbed to a lengthy illness on Sunday, July 15th, 2012 at the age of 59. The Angels picked her up and took her home, where the streets are paved with gold, and where there are no tears, sorrow, and pain. Esther is survived by her five children and their spouses Anthony & Michelle Watkins, April Watkins & Victor Renteria, Raymond Jr. & Angela Ashbrook, Martin & Brenda Ashbrook, Simeon & Mercedes Shinen. Her 5 grandchildren; Rebecca Aguilar, Martin Jr. & Oriana Ashbrook, Nathan & Joshua Watkins and 1 great grandchild on the way (Tyler Islas Mitchell). Esther is also survived by 5 brothers & 7 sisters along with many nieces & nephews and an abundance of friends. A memorial celebration of her life will be held on Friday, July 20, 2012, doors open at 10:00 A.M service starts at 11:00 A.M. at the Hi Desert Word Center, 30918 Soapmine Road, Barstow, CA. Arrangements will be provided by Forerunner Christian Fellowship of Barstow. A luncheon will follow at the church reception room. May her unforgettable smile which we all remember stay with you forever.